

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kachemak Ski Club, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0096139****Project Title:**

Kachemak Ski Club, Inc. - Ohlson Mountain Ski Hill Improvements

State Funding Requested: \$ 89,000**House District: 35 - R**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The Ohlson Mountain Ski Hill has been in operation since the 1950's and is in dire need of some basic capital improvements for the safety and functionality of this historic facility.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$93,700**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Local Funds	\$4,700	2006				
Total	\$4,700					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kachemak Ski Club (KSC), an all-volunteer non-profit organization, was originally established by families to meet school requirements for physical education. The ski area includes an 800 foot tow rope, a warming hut, and outhouse facilities for skiers. The ski area has weathered six decades of harsh weather conditions and deterioration has reached the point where unless equipment is repaired and replaced very soon, the community will lose this facility. The facility requires financial assistance to repair and replace equipment and improve access to the ski area.

Local fisherman and homesteaders founded KSC in 1948, making it perhaps the oldest operational nonprofit in the Homer area. Since its inception, KSC has provided thousands of lower Kenai Peninsula youths, adults, and families with unique downhill skiing (and more recently snowboarding) opportunities through its 800 foot long tow rope. The KSC operates the Ohlson Mountain facility every Sunday during the winter months, conditions permitting.

The KSC is described by various agencies and associations as "an invaluable resource for healthful outdoor recreation" and "an integral part of winter economic development in Southcentral Alaska and a feeder to greater Anchorage ski/snowboard lift-serviced areas." The needs of KSC "are very real and more pressing as each passing season takes its toll." In addition to these associations and community members other legislators have recognized the importance of the repairs and replacement of equipment.

Project Timeline:

The equipment will be purchased within 8 months of receiving funds and construction and capital improvements within 12 months of receiving funds.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kachemak Ski Club

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Bill Wiebe

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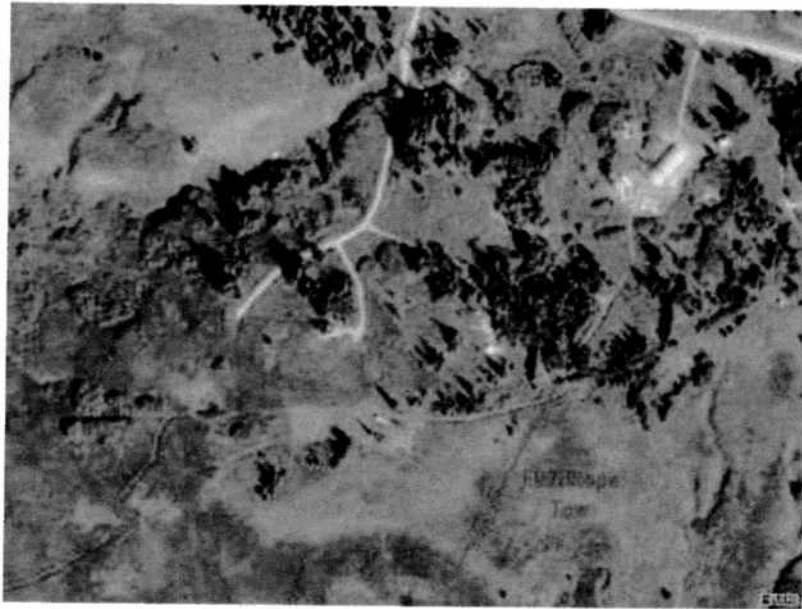
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

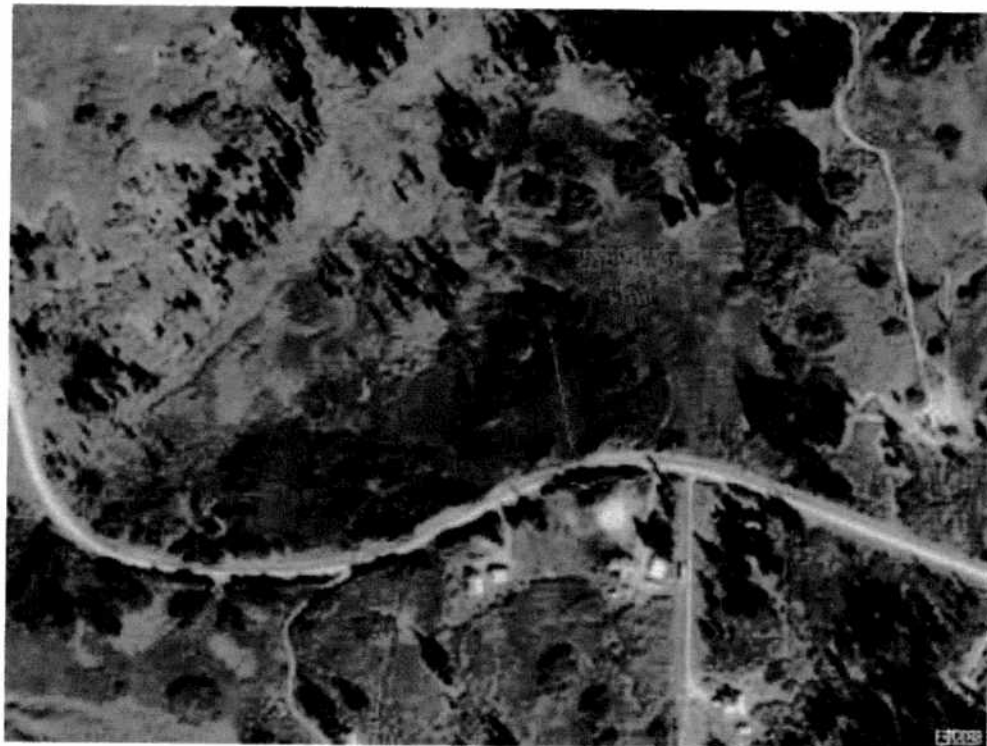




Homer Second Rope Tow

1955 to Early 1960's

Name of Ski Area:	2nd Rope Tow
Location:	Homer, 1 mile in from the fork on Ohlson Mountain Road, north side of the road, on the Browning Homestead.
Type of Area:	Ski Hill
Dates of Operation:	1955 to Early 1960's
Who Built It?:	Kachemak Ski Club
Base/Top/ Vertical Drop:	Base: ~1250' / Top: ~1450' / Vert: ~200'
Lifts:	Rope tow, gas engine driven
Facilities:	Warming hut
Miscellaneous:	You would drive out to the hill and park off the road at the top of this ski area. Having the tow engine next to the road offered convenience dealing with gas and batteries for the engine. You would then ski down the hill and get towed back up. The warmup hut from the first rope tow was pulled by tractor to this new site. Skiers eventually complained that the hill was too short, that it lacked the terrain to spread out the skiers. This rope tow was moved to the present Homer ski hill on leased Harbison & Strutz property towards Ohlson Mountain.
Sources of Information:	Robert H. Moss, a written summary of the Kachemak Ski Club (1948-1996), Dave Schroer



KACHEMAK SKI CLUB
1948 - 1996

THE KACHEMAK SKI CLUB WAS ORGANIZED IN 1948 WITH APPROXIMATELY 18 MEMBERS. THE FIRST ROPE TOW WAS OPERATED ON ED HERDON'S HOMESTEAD WHICH HAD A MODEST SOUTH SLOPE ON DIAMOND RIDGE ABOVE HOMER. THE GAS ENGINE DRIVEN TOW SUCCESSFULLY SERVED THE CLUB UNTIL THE WINTER OF 1955 WHEN A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF SNOW PLUS THE SOUTH SLOPE FORCED A RELOCATION. THIS TIME IT WAS MOVED TO A LOCATION THAT WAS A MILE IN FROM THE FORK ON THE OHLSON MOUNTAIN ROAD. THE SLOPE FACED NORTH WITH THE TOP NEXT TO THE ROAD. THE TOW ENGINE LOCATION NEXT TO

THE ROAD SIMPLIFIED THE HASSEL WITH GAS AND BATTERIES. THE SKI HUT WAS MOVED BY TRACTOR TO THE NEW LOCATION. HOWEVER, THE HILL PROVED TO BE TOO SHORT AND IT LACKED THE TERRANE NECESSARY FOR SPREADING OUT THE SKIERS.

IN DECEMBER OF 1958 THE KACHEMAK SKI CLUB WAS CERTIFIED AS A CORPORATION BY THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

SEVERAL YEARS LATER FOUND THE CLUB ONCE AGAIN PACKING UP AND. MOVING FURTHER TOWARD OHLSON MOUNTAIN. THIS TIME THE HILL SEEMED IDEAL WITH A NICELY VARIED NORTH SLOPE THAT COULD BE SERVED BY A 800 FOOT ROPE TOW. FRED HARBISON, A HOMESTEADER, GAVE PERMISSION TO USE HIS LAND WHICH COVERED THE TOP 2/3 OF THE HILL. A LEASE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH LOU AND JEAN STRUTZ FOR USE OF THE BOTTOM 1/3 PLUS ACCESS FROM THE ROAD. THIS PROVED TO BE A GOOD LOCATION AND CONTINUES TO BE OUR PRESENT SITE.

IN 19 THE GAS ENGINE WAS REPLACED WITH THE .PRESENT 440 VOLT ELECTRIC MOTOR. THE CLUB HAS A USED T BAR LIFT IN STORAGE WHICH WAS SURPLUSED OUT BY THE MILITARY BASE IN FAIRBANKS. THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR INSTALLATION.

THE ORIGINAL FOCUS OF THE CLUB WAS TOWARD CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. THIS HAS NOT CHANGED OVER THE PAST 5 DECADES. SKI CLASSES WERE HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THERE WERE RACE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES WITH TEAMS COMPETING THROUGH OUT THE STATE AS WELL AS HOSTING

MEETS IN HOMER.

WITH THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN HOMER NOW DAYS, MANY OF THE CLUB'S EARLIER PROGRAMS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. IT HASN'T, HOWEVER, DIMINISHED THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ENJOY SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING ON THE KACHEMAK SKI CLUB FACILITIES.

By R.H. MOSS JULY 1996

Source: Alaska Lost Ski Area Project

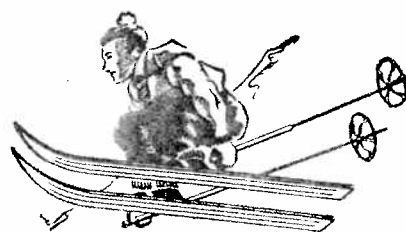
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Skiing became an integral part of the recreational setup with Friday afternoons during the season being devoted to the sport.

One of the biggest events of the school year is the Ski races. This season the high school team became the proud recipients of the three-year traveling trophy when Captain Elliott accepted it in behalf of the team for winning the races against the competing Ski Club team. Ski activities came to an end when a dinner-dance was given by the Ski Club to the winners.

An appreciable amount of time in instruction was given by Jake McLay to the high school students and by Louie Gjosund to the grade school students.



KACHEMAK JUNIOR SKI CLUB

BACK ROW: Wayne Davis, Woody McLay, Don Bellamy, Ralph Bishop, Lee Martin, John Beitman, David Buckley, Jackie Alexander
FRONT ROW: Val McLay, Paul Roach, David Christy



The Kachemak Junior Ski Club, consisting of the 7th and 8th Grades and High School, has been very active this year. The team placed high in the competition with Juneau and Anchorage.

The president of the Club, Woody McLay, who took most of the honors, placed first in most downhill and slalom races during the Fur Rendezvous and Mt. Alayeska events. He stacked up a total of five "1st" awards and one "3d" award. He was chosen to represent Alaska as a junior skier at Sun Valley, Idaho, in February, where he placed "6th" in the slalom and "24th" in the giant slalom.

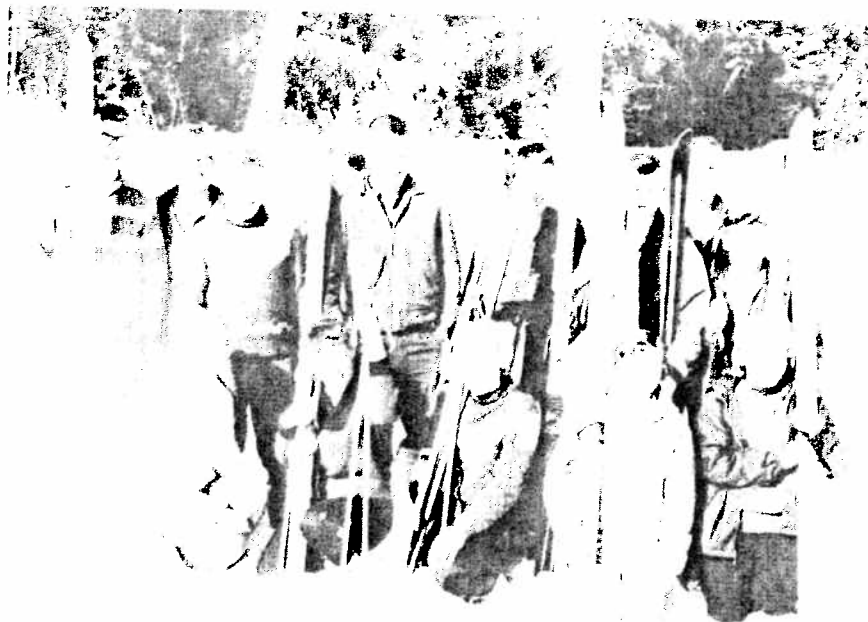
Glenn Carroll also did fine work in the cross-country races, placing "1st". David Christy, Bobby Moss, Don Bellamy, and Lee Martin have added to the honors.

Dave Christy is vice-president of the Club; Glenn Carroll is secretary, and Bobby Moss, treasurer. Mr. Vanderbrink Mr. McLay, Mr. Ross and Mr. Gjosund were the skiing instructors on Friday afternoons when the team practiced at the ski tow.

The time and patience of these instructors, the encouragement of Mr. Wilttrout, and the efforts and team spirit of each junior skier have combined to make the Kachemak Junior Ski Club a worth-while team.

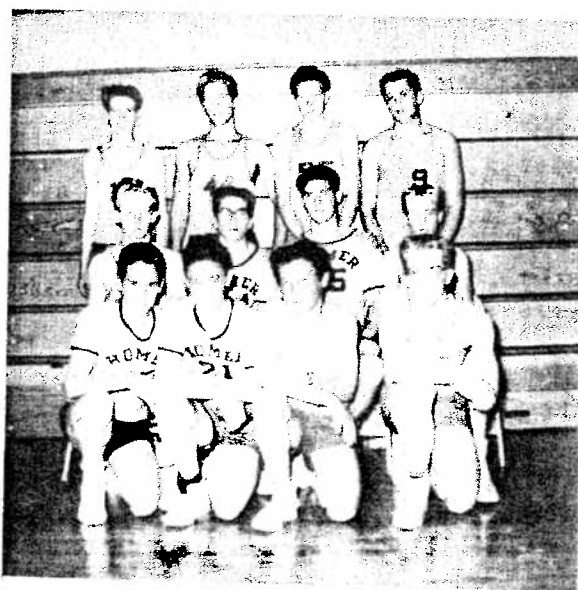
1960

Ski Team



FRONT ROW: Jean Cole, Kathy Rearden, Johnnie Collie, Sally Flynn, Betty Gjosund
 BACK ROW: Lee Martin, Glenn Carroll, Woodie McLay, Don Bellamy, David Buckley, Dave Christy, Mr. Schroer, Val McLay

Track Team



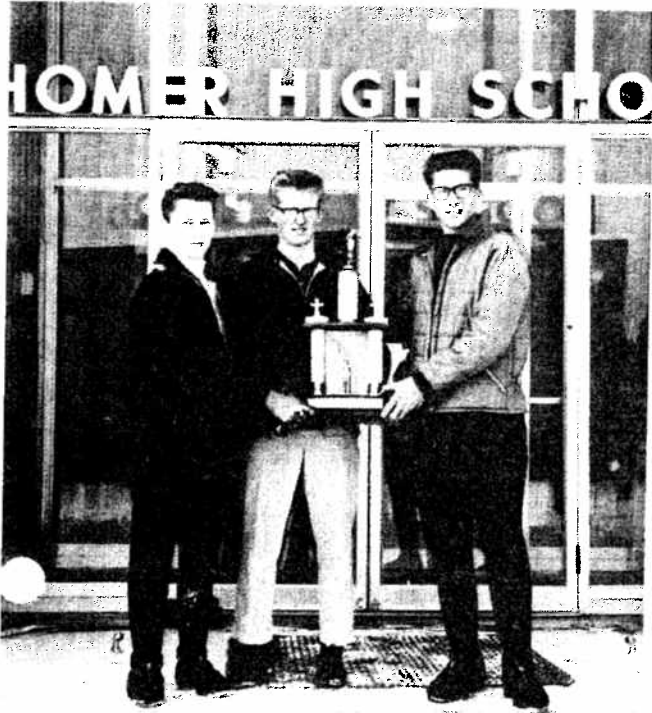
FRONT ROW: Paul Roach, Jackie Alexander, Lance Leffel, Carl Nelson
 MIDDLE ROW: Glenn Carroll, Lee Martin, Jerry Hedlund, Kurt Nelson
 BACK ROW: Ralph Bishop, Gary Sentman, Bill Bishop, Pete O'Donnell

1961

Ski Club



FRONT ROW: R. Hoedel, S. Hoedel
 MIDDLE ROW: T. Dahlgren, N. Hoedel, M. Morawitz,
 T. Martin
 BACK ROW: B. McLay, D. Nixon, B. Moss, B.
 Choquette, M. Morawitz, E. Dahlgren



A banner year was had by the High School Ski Team. For the second straight year, they won the state meet at Anchorage, defeating both East and West Anchorage teams and Juneau.

The team was also winner against East and West Anchorage in a triangular meet held in Homer. They wrapped up the season by placing first in the local Homer Alpine-Nordic team ski race.

Members of the state championship team were Val McLay, Glenn Carroll, Lee Martin, and Woodie McLay.

For the first time in Alaska, a separate girls' team competed. The high school team placed third in the state meet, and second in the Homer triangular. Comprising this team were Betty Gjosund, Johnnie Collie, and Kathy Rearden.



Standing
 David Buckley
 Val McLay
 Mr. Schroer
 Betty Gjosund
 Kathy Rearden
 Johnnie Collie
 Glenn Carroll

Front
 Lee Martin

1962

HOMER HIGH SCHOOL

Front Row

Johnnie Collie
Kathy Rearden
Sally Flynn
Betty Gjosund
Jean Cole



Back Row

Woodie McLay
Mr. Schroer
Val McLay
Ray Martin
Lee Martin
Glenn Carroll
David Buckley
Ernie Belnap

HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB

Homer skiers still managed a successful season in a year handicapped by a total lack of skiable snow in the local area.

The Boys' Team missed a chance to retain permanent possession of the All-Alaska State Trophy when we were unable to field a full team. Even so, individual skiers made top showings in races during the season.

The Homer girls showed their strength by placing a close second in the state meet held at Anchorage. Sally Flynn, Betty Gjosund, Johnnie Collie, and Kathy Rearden comprised the team.

Sally was honored by being chosen to represent Alaska in the Jr. Nationals held in Jackson, Wyoming. She made a fine showing in these races.

PEP CLUB



Ski Team



KNEELING, left to right: Ray Martin, Warren Huff, Bobbie Moss.
STANDING: Mr. Schroer, Drew Nixon, Bert McLay, Sally Calhoun,
Millie Morawitz, Shirley Paquette.

The boys' ski team the past season had three members returning from last year's team, which finished third in the state meet at Anchorage. They were Bob Moss, Bert McLay, and Warren Huff. With the addition of cross-country runners Ray Martin and Atz Kilcher and Freshman Drew Nixon, Homer was a definite contender for the All-Alaska Title. The team also competed in three other meets.

After an absence of a year, a girls' team is again being fielded. This team, composed entirely of Freshmen and Sophomores, was not only a threat for this year's title, but appears to be a threat for two more years to come.



FRONT ROW: Sally Calhoun, Millie Morawitz, Shirley Paquette, Jean Mead, Carolyn Jacobs, Nance Hoedel, Gayle Gregory. SECOND ROW: Drew Nixon, Warren Huff, Bobby Moss, Bert McLay, Atz Kilcher. THIRD ROW: Lynn Cason, Edward Rehder, Andy McMorrow, Tad Martin, Robby Hoedel, Steve Nixon, Mr. Schroer.

Ski Team

Homer High School fielded one of the strongest boys' ski teams in the state this year. In their first two meets, against top competition, the boys placed first both times. Skiing for the boys' team were Atz Kilcher, Larry Martin, Robby Hoedel, Drew Nixon, Bert McLay, Bobby Moss, and Warren Huff. Results of the two completed meets were as follows:

AMU Invitational

1. Homer	191.1
2. East Anchorage	187.5
3. West Anchorage	182.7
4. U of A	171.2
5. AMU	141.9
6. Lathrop	86.4

Homer Invitational

1. Homer	284.2
2. East Anchorage	281.6
3. West Anchorage	276.8

The girls' team suffered the loss of three of their ranks but still managed to field a strong team. Although not entering the AMU meet, Homer girls placed second behind East Anchorage in the Homer Meet. They also entered the All-Alaska High School Championships at Alyeska and another local meet. Girls comprising the team were Millie Morawitz, Sally Calhoun, Carolyn Jacobs, Jean Mead, Gayle Gregory, and Tania Uminski.

Top Alpine skiers Bobby Moss and Bert McLay were very much in for contention for berths on the Alaska Junior National Team. Both boys represented Alaska on last year's team which competed at Bend, Oregon.

Nordic skiers Atz Kilcher and Tad Martin also competed for places on the four-man cross-country team for competition at Winter Park, Colorado.



FRONT ROW: Bert McLay, Warren Huff, Robby Hoedel. BACK
ROW: Larry Martin, Bobby Moss, Atz Kilcher, Coach Schroer.
NOT SHOWN: Drew Nixon.

All-Alaska State Champs

Homer High School boys' ski team capped their ski season by taking the state meet in Anchorage. After being behind only slightly after the cross-country event, they went on to take both the Slalom and Giant Slalom events and win the over-all title.

This year's team is the product of many years' work and must be reckoned with again next year as only one member of the team will be lost through graduation.

The Homer girls' team also made a strong showing, finishing in second place.

Final boys' team standings were: Homer 287.9; East Anchorage 284.7; West Anchorage 260.4; and Juneau 240.3.



Nordic Team



Alpine Team

Skiing

Barnett on deck.



Sally Barnett

Ready in the gate...



Bob Moss

Ten second warning.



Bert McLay



Milli Morawitz

Go!

Alpine Ski Team



BACK ROW:

Bert McLay
Robbie Hoedel
Warren Huff
Bobby Moss
Coach Schroer

FRONT ROW:

Milli Morawitz
Sally Calhoun
Sally Barnett
Jean Mead

This year the Homer Ski Team had three of it's members selected to represent Alaska in the Jr. Nationals. Larry Martin, Bob Moss and Bert McLay received this honor on the basis of their consistent high performance in competitive skiing. The Jr. Nationals are ski races held annually to determine the high school ski champions of the United States. In this year's Jr. Nationals held at Stowe, Vermont, nearly six hundred skiers participated. It is a singular achievement for the Homer Ski Team to have placed three of its members on the Alaskan Jr. National Ski Team.



Larry Martin is a sophomore who has really brought fame to Homer High through his successes as a cross-country skier. This year was the second that Larry had the privilege of representing Alaska at the Jr. Nationals, and he made an outstanding showing by placing 2nd in the relay. Larry also placed first in the State Ski Meet and the Alaskan Divisional Championships, and was the undefeated champ of the 1966-1967 ski season.

Bert McLay is a graduating Senior who has spent the better part of his life on skis. He has competed at the Jr. Nationals twice as a member of the Alaskan Alpine Ski Team and has helped the Homer Ski Team considerably by his skiing skill in the slalom and downhill. Bert took honors at this years Jr. Nationals by placing 10th in the slalom.



Bob Moss is an outstanding skier who will leave quite a vacancy in the ski team when he graduates. Bob began competition skiing at an early age and has been a consistent winner from the first. In his two years at the Jr. Nationals, Bob has placed very well, and has earned high recommendations. He placed first in the slalom and giant slalom at the State Ski Meet.

Nordic Ski Team

FRONT ROW:
Milli Morawitz
Sally Calhoun
Gayle Gregory
Sally Barnett



BACK ROW:
Lynn Cason
Robbie Hoedel
Larry Martin
Mr. Schroer

SKIING



GIRL'S TEAM, left to right: Sally Barnett; Sharon Cooper; Mr. Schroer, Coach; Linda Poindexter; Gayle Gregory.



BOY'S TEAM, left to right: Lynn Cason; Larry Martin; Mr. Schroer, Coach; Drew Nixon; Robby Hoedel.



The boy's team, composed of Robby Hoedel, Drew Nixon, and Lynn Cason, placed first in the State meet in Alaska, and were also chosen to be part of the nine-man team representing Alaska in the Junior Nationals.

At the Junior National races held in Montana, Larry Martin placed first, ahead of all other U.S. racers. Drew Nixon and Robby Hoedel had excellent positions of 18th and 19th respectively, out of 78 racers.



Photo provided

Rope tow fun-a-thon

Judy Miller (LEFT) gives Daisy Kettle a high five recently at the Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow. The rope tow's season is snow-dependent from this point on, so call 235-SNOW for updates.

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February 8, 2006

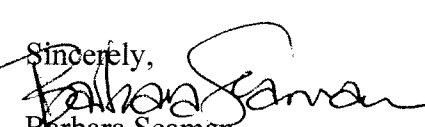
Dear Representative Seaton,

I present this proposal on behalf of the Kachemak Ski Club's board of directors hoping to gain support for urgent and necessary improvements to and maintenance of the Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow and ski facility. While we understand that this project might find support more easily obtained after it is added to an existing community priority list, we felt it important to make our needs known to you now, during this legislative session.

Please feel free to call board treasurer, Bill Morse anytime with questions or concerns. I will be in Juneau (visiting Bechtols) at the end of April and would be pleased to have a minute of your time while there. I will be in contact with your office before I arrive in Juneau to arrange a time when we might meet.

Thanks very much for your attention, Paul, and for all the great work you are accomplishing!

Sincerely,


Barbara Seaman

Kachemak Ski Club member

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note card

March 30, 2007

Representative Stevens
State Capitol, Room 103
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Seaton,

I am writing to encourage you to support the Ohlson Mt. Ski Facility improvements. My family has been active in the Kachemak Ski Club for many years. Most every Sunday during the winter we enjoy the downhill skiing and snowboarding. Traveling to Alyeska Resort is not an option for us, so this facility especially provides a wonderful opportunity for my son and all of his snowboarding friends. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Eric Knudtson

Eric Knudtson

*556 Hildem Way
Homer, AK 99601*

william lovett

From: william lovett [inua2@alaska.net]

Sent: Monday, March 12, 2007 8:35 AM

To: 'Rep_Paul_Seaton@legis.state.ak.us'; 'Senator_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us'

Subject: Funding for Olson Mountain Rope tow Facility

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to show our support and ask for your assistance in funding for the Olson Mountain rope tow. As a life long skier with 2 children, this mountain offers unparalleled opportunity for affordable and nearby skiing recreation. With the funding cuts in our schools, children today are facing ever fewer choices in what types of recreation are available to them, and this is one of the perfect situations for parents to introduce and participate in recreation with their children. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bill & Catrin Lovett
Box 4243
Homer

3/12/2007

Katie Shows

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2007 10:39 AM
To: katie.shows@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: FW: *****SPAM***** Olhson Mt. Rope Tow

From: Cynthia Morelli [mailto:cmorelli@alaska.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 3:35 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Cc: Sen. Gary Stevens
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Rep. Seaton,
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Cynthia Morelli

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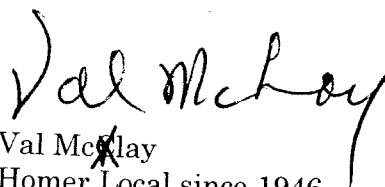
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Over the years, because of community involvement, and the Kachemak Ski Club, the Community of Homer started sending skiing representatives for the Territory of Alaska in 1958, and then representing the State of Alaska to Jr. National competition across the Nation to almost all of the skiing States. This ski hill and rope tow facility has been a part of Homer Heritage for almost fifty years and for a lot of those years, the only winter recreational area for many many miles. It would be a shame for this to close because of the cost, that is primarily as a result of rules that prohibits the public from doing these small menial tasks to maintain and upgrade as we did in the past. No longer can a few people set piling, run the wiring, plumb facilities, etc. so that we and our children can have fun. Now we have to follow all the rules that increase the costs dramatically.

I am asking that you go before your fellow elected officials and get their support to get funding needed to keep this local non-profit recreational facility up, safe, and running for many years in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to this.



Val McElroy
Homer Local since 1946
907 235 8493

March 12, 2007

Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

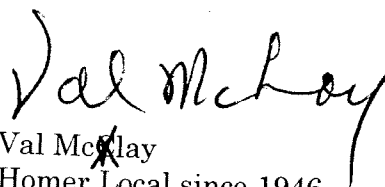
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Homer Local since 1946
907 235 8493

4/10/07

Dear Senator Stevens and Rep.
seator I ~~am~~ am 6 years old
and I go to the rope tow with
my friend Ben and I hope
that you can help fix the
rope tow. If it gets fixed and
is made safer ~~more~~ kids might
come. And thinking that you could

~~I was~~
help us fix that last little
steep part at the top of
the tow. It is too steep for me
to get past it. I like the
rope tow because it is fun and
just a great place to ski.

From Douglas Dean

P.O. Box 2633 Homer AK

99603

471 Elderberry
Homer, AK 99603
March 5, 2007



Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Paul:

As a 30+ year resident of Homer, I'm writing to ask for your support for funding that will help to upgrade and preserve an existing public ski area we've had in our backyard here on the Lower Kenai Peninsula since 1948, namely the Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow run by the Kachemak Ski Club. Both of my adult children grew up having this little gem of an outdoor recreational site available to them as they learned to ski in Homer. But with the toll that time and the elements have taken on the tow itself and the support buildings, without needed repairs I worry that the area might not be available as my granddaughter approaches an age where she too might enjoy the healthy outdoor recreation that this facility currently has to offer. Since the City of Homer has now placed the Ohlson Mountain ski facility's improvements on its Capital Improvement Plan as a funding priority, I'd urge you to support it as well. As you probably are aware, this public facility is run on a shoestring budget with hundreds of hours of volunteer time. A little help from the State at this time will help to secure its operations well into the future.

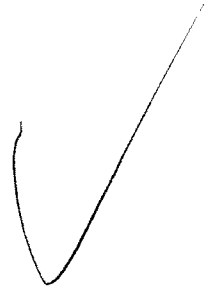
Regards,



John Fitzpatrick

4136 Bartlett Street
Homer, AK 99603
March 10, 2007

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Juneau, AK 99801-1182



Dear Paul:

I'm writing to ask for your support for funding that will help to maintain the viability of our local public ski area near Homer, namely the Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow. Both of my college age children Jake and Lauren grew up learning to ski on the slopes of this local hill and Mary Lou served as a previous board member of the Kachemak Ski Club. As you are undoubtedly aware, liability insurance takes an ever-bigger chunk of such recreational facility revenues, leaving little from membership and user fees to maintain and upgrade the facility. This public recreation legacy, founded by a group of hardy homesteaders and fishermen over 50 years ago, deserves our ongoing support. Run on a barebones budget that has been greatly amplified by the tireless efforts of dozens of volunteers over the years, the Rope Tow also serves as a healthy athletic outlet for our Homer area youth. So as a prior volunteer, an avid skier and a family physician, I'd urge you to help keep the ski hill viable. Since the City of Homer has now placed the Ohlson Mountain ski facility's improvements on its Capital Improvement Plan as a funding priority, I'd urge you to support it as well.

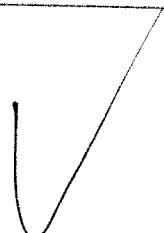
Sincerely,

Bill Bell

Thanks again
for your support of
The Lady Monarchs Softball
Another State Title is
possible.

Katie Shows

From: Mary Jane Shows
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 8:46 AM
To: katie.shows@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: FW: Ohlson Mountain Ski Area
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Purple



From: Eric Knudtson [mailto:sally@xyz.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2007 11:09 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Ohlson Mountain Ski Area

Dear Mr. Seaton,

I am writing to request your support for the allocation of funds to improve and maintain the Ohlson Mountain Ski Area near Homer. My family loves and uses this area every weekend. Please support this funding as it provides a wonderful recreational activity for many of the youth in our area.

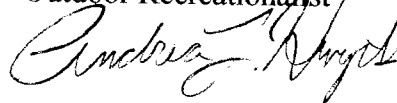
Thank you for your consideration,
Eric Knudtson
556 Hidden Way
Homer, AK 99603

✓
March 8, 2007

Dear Representative Paul Seaton,

I must tell you how much I support the funding for the Kachemak Ski Club and the Ohlson Mountain rope tow. As a mother of three young children born and being raised here in Homer, I realize the importance of access to quality physical recreational opportunities! My children are learning that a strong body as well as a good academic education is key to a great life. My partner and I know the strengths of having options for exercise and stress reduction for our bodies. The healthy lifestyles of being in the moment with nature and understanding how important this beautiful land is to all creatures widens the eyes of our youth. There is so much to be gained by providing our community a place to experience the great outdoors in our backyard! Keep the people close to home in Homer. Allow the fun to be had throughout the wonderful winter while giving businesses which provide equipment and apparel the ability to survive in this area. Quality products for quality play times that are available here is an essential part of the circle that keeps us going in this small town. To allow small businesses to die out, does nothing for the heart of this lovely community. We need to support each other with our dollars. Voting for the way of life we choose with the tool of money builds a strong relationship within our community and gives us a sense of strong familial bonds. With your support of this funding we, the family of Homer, Alaska, can grow some amazing individuals out of our youth by providing the Ohlson Mountain rope tow's continued operation. We MUST maintain the facility and even make it better, safer, and more accessible to all who wish to participate!!! Please do all that you have the power to, and then reach deeper to that special place inside and find the strength to push harder to see that this urgent need doesn't get pushed aside. We need that strength from you as our political voice to stand up and make this happen! Thank you for your efforts!

Sincerely,
Andrea Huyck
Mother, Business Owner, and
Outdoor Recreationalist



Katie Shows

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 3:32 PM
To: katie.shows@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: FW: Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow Facility

-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Northrop [mailto:kan@sphosp.com]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 10:55 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow Facility

*email
response*

Dear Paul,

This letter is to show my support for funding for the Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow Facility and the Kachemak Ski Club.

I have a 3 year old who is learning to ski, and the rope tow has been a great resource in this endeavor. If it were not for this, I would have to make numerous trips to Alyeska to afford him the same opportunities I had as a child. My husband is also improving his ski techniques at the same time!

I was not aware of how popular the rope tow is with the community until I started using it for this purpose. I foresee that it will become a part of our life, as it is for many others, young and old in the community.
It is truly a great resource for our young, and a good way to keep them out of trouble.

Any support you can give to the Kachemak Ski Club to support the rope tow and keep it going in a safe manner would be greatly appreciated.
This contributes to keeping history alive as well!

Thank you,

Karen Northrop

Karen Northrop, PT
Rehabilitation Department
South Peninsula Hospital
907-235-0370
kan@sphosp.com

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response
A/2/07*

George Overpeck
PO Box 818
Homer Ak. 99603

Dear Rep. Seaton,

I'm writing as Vice President of Kachemak Ski Club to ask for your support in funding our capitol improvements project. Improving safety, access and terrain will let the rope tow volunteers continue to operate the mountain rather than run the risk of dissolving the operation due to one accident or one bad snow year.

The rope tow is operating in a changing insurance environment where small operations need to maintain the same safety standards and equipment as resorts. Safety insurance is a fixed and rising cost while attendance varies based on multiple factors. Equipment which can improve the mountain for everyone will draw better receipts at the gate and keep us in the black.

Olson Mountain Rope Tow has been hosting up to a hundred people on weekends, mostly families with preteens learning to ski and snowboard. I hope that we can count on your support in keeping them safely entertained while they enjoy our rope tow.

Sincerely, George Overpeck

Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, Alaska 99802

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A/2/07*

March 15, 2007

Dear Paul,

~~On the City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan there is an item called OHLSON MOUNTAIN~~
SKI FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

In about 1948 the Kachemak Ski Club built and has since operated what became the Ohlson Mountain Ski Tow. This facility was built and equipped on an all volunteer basis. I was first introduced to this skiers aid in 1949 and very much enjoyed my brief participation at that time. From 1956 until the late 70's I was deeply involved with the Kachemak Ski Club and the operation of the Ohlson Mountain rope tow operated by them.

I have never elsewhere seen a facility that served so many (especially children) so well so long for so little cost. Other winter sport/recreation facilities recently acquired by this community were done so at a cost gargantuan by comparison.

I hope that with the assistance of yourself and Senator Stevens this community asset will continue to serve the young people of region. Many young skiers and snow boarders will be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

Dave Vanderbrink

Dave Vanderbrink

Just one of your constituents

cc.

Senator Gary Stevens
State Capitol, Room 103

Homer, AK 99603

March 16, 2007

Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

No letter

note card

Dear Paul:

As an avid long time downhill skier and former mayor of Homer, I'm writing to ask for your support for funding that will achieve capital improvements to the backyard ski area we've had in the hills behind Homer since 1948, namely the Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow, run by the Kachemak Ski Club.

My now young adult sons grew up having this little homespun gem of a hill available to them as they learned to ski in Homer. But with the toll that years of wear and tear have taken on the physical plant (lodge, rope towers and tow motor), without needed repairs I worry the area might not be available for future generations of Homer area youth to enjoy. Furthermore, rising liability insurance costs over the years have left little in the way of revenues from ski passes to pay for needed repairs and upgrades.

KSC is a fiscally lean organization that leverages hundreds of volunteer hours plus donations of electric power from HEA into a recreation area that really works for area skiers of all ages. Since the City of Homer has now placed the Ohlson Mountain ski facility's improvements on its Capital Improvement Plan as a funding priority, I'd urge your support as well.

Sincerely,



Jack Cushing

THANKS PAUL REMEMBER
WE HAD THE CITY OF HOMER
PUT MONEY INTO THIS, ITS SUCH
A GREAT THING

THANKS FOR YOUR RECENT
BILLS ...

CONFIDENTIAL - JACK

Sally Oberstein
PO Box 2094
Homer, AK 99603

March 28, 2007

Representative Seaton
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Seaton,

I've been an active member of the Kachemak Ski Club for many years. I feel that this non-profit organization provides a valuable recreational resource to our community. Alyeska Ski Resort is not an option for many families and especially young people who thrive on the opportunities that this facility provides. Please do all that you can to support the proposed Ohlson Mt. Ski Facility improvements. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Oberstein".

Sally Oberstein

P.O. Box 1489
Homer, AK 99603
January 29, 2007

Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol. Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Seaton:



Now that the City of Homer has placed the Ohlson Mountain Rope Tow improvements on its legislative priorities list for the Capital Budget, I'm hoping that the youth of Homer and their volunteer parents with the Kachemak Ski Club can count on your support to fund needed facility upgrades to this local jewel of winter recreational opportunity.

With an abundance of snow and seasonably cold weather, we've been open since the weekend following New Years Day and even had a 'by popular demand' opening' on Martin Luther King Day. The 'snow gods' willing, we should be open Sundays through April. Our membership seems to be on the upswing and we're seeing everyone from preschoolers on their first set of skis, to snowboarding teens from the villages at the head of the Bay to, well, gray beards like me out there having a good time. This is a real boon to local ski sports enthusiasts, sparing many families the expense, not to mention the hazards, of a winter drive up the Sterling and Seward Highways to Girdwood to enjoy alpine style sports.

As you are probably aware, decades of harsh weather and resultant deterioration have left the ski area in need of basic facility and equipment replacement and repairs. Our needs are very real and more pressing as each passing season takes its toll. Please help secure the future of this priceless local resource by supporting funding for needed improvements in the current legislative session.

Best to you and Tina.

Sincerely yours,



Randall H. Wiest

(some) Kachemak Ski Club supporters
(In no particular order)

RW Edens Jr.
Frank Wise
Hazel and David Vanderbrink
John (Jake) and Mid McLay
Robert Moss
Lou and Ernil Gjosund
Bert and Helen Bachman
Stanley and Eva Nielsen
George Dahlgren
Sammy Gasparic
Jack and Elva Scott
Laura Barton
Al and Nancy Davis
Gail Phillips
Chris and Pat Moss
Bobby Moss
Gary Renee Overson
Mary Lou Kelsey
Arne Liston
Steve Drew
Ernest, Jan and Eric Suoja
Richard Gustfson
Dave Schroer
Michael McCarthy
Pete Beck
Mikel Bendsend
Tom Aberle
Keith Bauer
Kenton Bloom
Bob and Charlene Ditton
Johnnie Parks
Philip Osborn
Steve Van Wagoner
Kurtis Hawk
Bob and Kelly Macaulay
Lewis McLin
John Martin
Paul Eneboe
Bev Cronin
Mike Spaegens
Tim Daugharty
Dave Brann

Glenn Carroll
Mark Flynn
Don and Hilda Flynn
James and Mary Thompson
Milt and Norma Turkington
Alan Hensen
Erling Hofseth
Warren Larsen
Mike Lockwood
Phil Slabaugh
John and Katy White
Kent, Tanya and Dawn Wick
Leon Smith
Carol Pearce
Joanie Robertson
Rick Porter
Bob Brant
Chuck, Edith and Charlie Parsons
Tom Early
Mike Tuttle
Forney Ingram Jr., and III
Mike Yochum
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E. and Alyce Haskins
Franco Venuti
Jim Naylor
Donna Stone
Frank and Roswytha Miller
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Barb Dickens
Sue Christiansen
Larry Frazier
Doug Larson
Leroy Gannaway
Donna Fenske
Steve Thatcher
Ed Klopp
Bob Hargersen
Paul Sayer
Monty Clark
Art Davidson
Bob Evans
Renn Tolman
David Galvin
Allen Patterson
Edward and Cindy Serrano

Francie Roberts
Pete Roberts
Spike and M Christopher
Elm and Betty Deirich
Doug, Bob and Abby Hoedel
Bill and Noreen Johnson
Robert and Kane Herring
John and Margaret Cunningham
Mr and Mrs. Springs
Mr. and Mrs. Don Fell
Robert and Bernadine Barnett
George Wolansky
Ed and Nadine Martin
Al Tenant
Colin, Diane McCarty
Brant Edens
Ralph and Sandy Galeano
Bruce and Linda Willard
Mark and Jane Jacobs
John and Cookie Child
Ruth and Yule Kilcher
Herbert and Emagine ("Emmy") Mead
Rita and Gus Weber
Ralph and Vernice Sutherland
Peter Bersch
Don Ronda
Red and Nelda Calhoun
A and Jean McMarrow
Dave and Shari Nixon
Steve and Cathy Vanek
Buck Beamer
Erle Cooper
Wilbur Morris
Tom Klinker
Alray Carroll
John Crandall
Jim Buncak
Dave and Marsha Boone
Andy Ryan
Bob Schmutzler and Claire Waxman
Kurt Marquardt
Jake Beaudoin
Mike Poole
Shep Shoepke
Ancy Hoedel Squires
Rick Anderson

Warren and Mary Huff
Bob Shavelson
Catriona Lowe
Barbara Seaman
George Overpeck
Bill Morse
Eric Knutson
Bill and Jane Wiebe
Randy Wiest

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Rep. Sexton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

It provides our children with a healthy
activity, a place to have great fun in
our beautiful surroundings and instills the
seeds to love & protect nature.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

I live here and it's great fun

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Dona Roberts
Milke Hayes
Moss Hayes

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Paul Sooty:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

It is safe. Kids can come
here alone.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

It's a good place to board
and ski.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

I am
Love

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Senator Stevens:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

It's great exercise & it brings families together & it's lots of fun & friendships are formed between all ages & it's healthy & you don't have to spend alot of money for gas or show out driving the horrendous road to Alyeska & it's a great combination of old world (hiking in, woodstove in the warmup hut) and new world (snowboarders, happy kids, rosey cheeks etc) and I could go on and on.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

I really get a charge out of the kids and families & everyone else who come to enjoy it. Skiing & snowboarding are such totally healthy sports, and the winter can be so beautiful, and it's just a great way to beat the blah's. It's great exercise, & at the end of a day of helping out at Ohlson Mountain, I feel totally satisfied.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Will Swakahn
1039 Barnett Place / POB 4141
Homer AK 99603

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Paul Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

it brings friends and family's
together. It also helps keep
teens away from drugs and
alcohol.


I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

It's fun and safe. I love
snowboarding, so this is a great
local place to ski/snowboard.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Ross
Robertson



Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear paul Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

one of the only ski and snow boarding
places in homer also brings family and friends
together

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

it's fun and it's the only place I go to in homer
I go to. and it's my favorite sport in winter

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Anastasia K. Retzke
Homer Alaska

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Representative Scott:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

It gives kids a chance to get outside
and to enjoy themselves in a way
that stops them to not sit around and
do nothing.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

I love snowboarding and it gives me
a chance to do other things besides
sports.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Dave Newton

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Paul Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

It is a positive experience for kids and grownups alike. It provides a recreational activity that is both healthy and fun. The Homer rope tow is important because it is a positive influence on people in general.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

I like the rope tow because it is a good cardiovascular workout and it is something to keep my mind off of every day stress like school, homework, and girls!

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Mathurin Fogg
35855 N. Fork Rd
Anchor Pt. AK
99556

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Rep. Paul Seaton

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

The Rope tow provides a skiing opportunity for the whole Homer Community. It is a big asset to the community and provides Homers Youth with good exercise throughout the winter.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

It is great fun and and is the only skied snowboard facility in the Homer Area

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed, Scott Grosse

Thank You

Scott Grosse

Box 3133

Homer, Ak. 99603

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Senator Gary Stevens

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

The Rope Tow provides a skiing/snowboarding opportunity for the whole Homer Community. It is a big asset to the community and provides Homer's youth with good exercise and a good supervised social environment throughout the winter.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

It is great fun and is the only ski and snowboard facility in the Homer Area!

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,



Scott Glosser
Box 3133
Homer, Ak. 99603

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Rep. Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

it provides Sunday fun for all of Homer

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

it is close, and there is many different things
to do.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Dolan Soukner

Dolan Soukner

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Rep. Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:


It's a fun and safe way to spend your freetime afterschool. It's also environmentally helpful because without it, every weekend I would have to drive all the way to Alaska.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

I can improve my technique and confidence before I go to Alaska, so when I get there, (twice a year) I can keep up with all my bros.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,



Gus Beck, 17
Homer High School

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Rep Reiter:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

Keep's me and others kick out of trouble
and get's me off my butt.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

Go exercise and it gives a kid like me
who fit a strenuous exercise snow
boarding.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Sarah Cawley

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Rep. Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

it is such a fun place to
go on the weekend.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

Because it has so many different
spots to go plus you can go
tubing after

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Timmy Boen

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear _____:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

it's healthy

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

The children

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

M. P. P.

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear ~~Rep~~ Representative Paul Setälä

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

I enjoy skiing and it has a tow
so you don't have to walk up and
is the only resort in the area.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

it is fun and enjoyable.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Kyle Wisner

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear

2/4/07 Representative Paul Seto

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

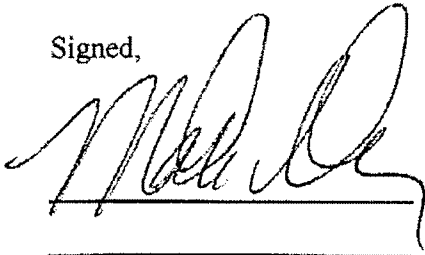
Kids need an outlet to exercise, and play outdoors. Outdoor activity is critical to Alaskan life, and skiing is a big part of that. Winter in Alaska can be somewhat depressing without activity + exercise.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

I actually like the rope for the upper body workout. There is a warming hut to have lunch with friends and family. I always leave skiing here feeling better than when I came.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,



Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Paul Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

It is a good place to hang out in a drug-free environment. It will also help us stay fit.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

It is a great place to snow-board. I also meet my friends here.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Fritz Munro

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of Fritz Munro, consisting of many overlapping loops and lines.

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Paul Seaton

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

~~ITS A GREAT PLACE TO GO FOR KIDS~~
keeps teens away from drugs and
alcohol plus its good exercise

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

its fun and it gets you buff

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

~~N. W. A.~~

N. W. A.

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Gary Stevens:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

It is a great for good clean family fun
and a way to get together with other
community members. kids and adults who may
never get to ski or snowboard otherwise and
come to Ohlson mountain and learn something
new while having a blast

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

I love to ski and can't always afford to go to
Alaska. It also brings myself and my son
together with friends

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,



786 OandRLP
Homer, AK.
99603

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Paul Seaton:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

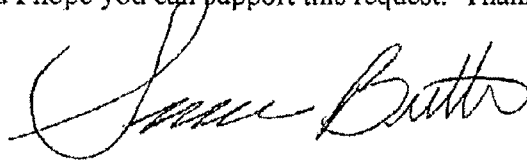
I love to ski and can't always afford to go to Alyeska - It also brings me together (along with my son) with friends. It's a healthy activity on the weekend that I can do with my ~~love~~ child

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

It is great for good clean family fun and a way to get together with others in the community. Kids and adults who may never get to ski or snowboard otherwise can come to Ohlson Mountain ~~and~~ and build skills while having a blast!

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,



Susan Butler

786 Ocean Dr. Lp.
Homer, AK
99603

4/1/07

Dear Senator Stevens,

Please support the Homer Rope Tow,
I have been a skier for over 42 years & now
am introducing my 3 year old to skiing.
The Homer Rope Tow provides a great
opportunity for Homer youth to learn to ski/
snowboard without the expense + time of going
to Alyeska.

Skiing here takes me back to my youth!
It is a ~~great~~ place for families to learn to ski.
Thank you -

Karen Northrup
Box 1506
Homer AK 99603

DEAR GARY STEVENS,

As a parent with two young children, I really enjoy and appreciate the OHLSON Mountain Ski Facility. It is a great recreational outlet for the entire family. I also treasure that it is a historic public facility on the Kenai Peninsula.

I would very much like to see it operational so that families can continue to enjoy it.

However repairs are needed. I think that developing a road to make it more accessible would allow even more families to use it. Especially families with smaller children. Your support is greatly needed.

DINA GHERMAN
40700 OLD STERLING HWY
ANCHOR POINT, AK 99556
907-235-6926.

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear PAUL:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

ALL kids need an avenue of activity
kids that are doing something out doors are
learning life long skills - it keeps kids doing
something & not getting into trouble - They might
meet a kid who becomes a friend in a common good goal.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

my kids have so much fun climbing around w/
their buddies - Plus I get in a ski or two which
help my health - its great to see the grown up help out

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

BLAIRE LA RUE

Ohlson Mountain Legislative Support Request 2007

Dear Representative Sletten:

Please support funding for improvements to the Ohlson Mountain rope tow on the Lower Kenai Peninsula near Homer.

The Ohlson mountain rope tow is important for Homer kids and teens because:

I teaches the Kid How cool it is
to feel the wind in your face and
to meet new and see old friends.

I like to use the Ohlson mountain rope tow because:

Because it is a hill and i dont have
a hill but i love to ski and if you close
it a lot of people wont know what
fun it is to ski and people how to wont
have a hill to skion.

The Homer City Council placed the Ohlson Mountain rope tow improvements on its legislative priorities list because the Council recognized the important role this facility plays in our community. It provides a great recreational outlet for kids and teens in the winter, and I hope you can support this request. Thank you!

Signed,

Maggie
R
Lare

po box 3306
Homer, Alaska.



OHLSON MT. SKI FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & BENEFIT: This project will preserve and upgrade an historic public recreational treasure on the Kenai Peninsula—the Ohlson Mountain ski facility. The Kachemak Ski Club, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, requests financial assistance to repair and replace equipment and improve access to the ski area, which first began operation in the 1950s.

Local fishermen and homesteaders founded KSC in 1948, making it perhaps the oldest operational nonprofit in the Homer area. The Ohlson Mountain ski facility—"the westernmost ski resort in North America"—was originally established by families to meet school requirements for physical education. Since its inception, KSC has provided thousands of lower Kenai Peninsula youths, adults, and families with unique downhill skiing (and more recently, snowboarding) opportunities through its 800 foot long tow rope. In addition to the tow rope, the facility includes a small lodge/warming hut and outhouse facilities. The KSC operates the Ohlson Mountain facility every Sunday during the winter months, conditions permitting. The ski area is the only facility offering downhill skiing and snowboarding opportunities in Southcentral Alaska other than the Alyeska resort in Girdwood.

The ski area has weathered decades of harsh weather conditions, and deterioration has reached the point where unless equipment is repaired or replaced very soon, the community will lose this historic facility. Specific improvements needed are:

- Relocate the wheelhouse to lengthen and improve the safety and accessibility of the tow line.
- Replace seven treated lift poles and the tow rope itself.
- Fabricate and install a new tail wheel/steel tripod and sheave wheels, purchase conduit, and install a second "stop" button.
- Develop existing legal access into a road to make it possible for more families with small children to use the hill.
- Grade portions of the hill to expand trails and ski/snowboard runs to accommodate growing user demand.
- Build a shed for safety equipment and build and install a ski/board rack.
- Purchase a snow machine for emergency use and general maintenance purposes.
- Improve the warming hut by adding a small deck and replacing stump steps with safer steps.
- Complete dirt work to add a culvert and level the rope's towpath.
- Create signage honoring those who had so much to do with establishing the ski area to encourage healthy lifestyles and quality family outings.



This photo by John H. "Jake" McLay shows a downhill racer participating in competition at the Ohlson Mountain ski area in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

PLANS & PROGRESS: KSC will contribute volunteer time to the effort. Currently volunteers contribute over 500 hours a year to the ski lift and ski events.

COST: \$87,000 **NEED:** Urgent **Schedule:** 2007

Kachemak Ski Club

Preserving & Improving Skiing & Snowboarding Opportunities for Southern Kenai Peninsula Families

In 2006, the KSC Board and membership embarked on an ambitious plan to renovate the existing facility, and capture the historical record of KSC and its efforts. *This proposal requests funds for critical portions of KSC's capital upgrade needs – essential work needed to operate the tow rope in a safe and effective manner – so KSC can continue this tradition of family recreation and to promote healthy lifestyles for Alaskans.*

DATE: 2/27/06

501(c)(4) Non-Profit Organization -- EIN# 92-0096139

P.O. Box 1498, Homer, AK 99603

CONTACT PERSON: Bill Morse

PHONE#: 235-5575 EMAIL: pinky@xyz.net

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$ 87,000

Kachemak Ski Club

The Kachemak Ski Club (KSC) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing expanded winter recreational opportunities for youths, adults and families on the Lower Kenai Peninsula. The KSC owns and operates the downhill ski & snowboard facility on Ohlson Mountain Road in Homer, Alaska. Local fishermen and homesteaders founded KSC in 1948, making KSC perhaps the oldest operational nonprofit in the Homer area. The facility -- the "western-most ski resort in North America" -- was originally established by families to meet school requirements for physical education. Since its inception, KSC has provided thousands of lower Kenai Peninsula youths, adults and families with unique downhill skiing (and, more recently, snowboarding) opportunities through its 800 foot long tow rope. In addition to the tow rope and skiing terrain, the facility boasts outhouse facilities and a small lodge/warming hut with a wood stove and picnic-bench style seating, where families can relax between runs. The KSC operates the Ohlson Mountain facility every Sunday during the winter months, conditions permitting.

History

The KSC has begun to gather, document and archive the history of this important cultural treasure, while we can still hear the stories and experiences first hand. Our first event was held in early February as part of Homer's 50th anniversary Winter Carnival celebration. KSC volunteers are making contacts with old-timers, recording oral histories, and in a continuing partnership with the Pratt Museum, gathering and archiving stories, home movies, photographs, newspaper articles and mementos. Enclosed with this request is an impressive list of names of some of the people who have been instrumental in the success of this facility since 1948. Also enclosed are pages from the "Alaska Lost Ski Areas" website that describe the evolution of the facility, and copies of Homer High School yearbook pages featuring skiers and successes for the team. Homer skiers Bobby Moss, Sally Flynn, Robby Hoedel, Drew Nixon, Bert and Val McLay, Larry (Tad) Martin and Atz Kilcher were among those raised with the program who went on to compete in the Junior Nationals. Larry Martin went on to compete in two Olympics. Significantly, this program has been a feeder for Junior National, Fur Rondy, Alyeska, All Alaska State, and the Alaska Divisional Championships.

Need

Safety is KSC's number one concern, and as a result, the need for this support is urgent. This facility has weathered many years of Homer's best and worst winters, and unless we move quickly to repair and replace aging equipment, we will lose this historic public recreational treasure. In order to meet an increasing resurgence of interest in family skiing, and to adapt to the emergence of snowboarding, KSC needs the following upgrades:

1. Re-locate the wheelhouse to lengthen and improve the safety and accessibility of the tow line.
2. Replace all seven treated lift poles and the tow rope itself.
3. Fabricate and install a new tail wheel/steel tripod and sheave wheels, purchase conduit and install a new "stop" button.
4. Expand user access by developing our existing legal access into a road so more families with small children can use the hill.

5. Grade portions of the hill to expand trails and ski/snowboard runs and to accommodate beginners.
6. Build a shed for safety equipment, and install a ski/board rack so loose equipment does not prevent a hazard.
7. Purchase a snowmachine for emergency response use and for general maintenance and safety.
8. Repair and improve the warming hut by adding a small deck and replace the existing stump steps with safer new treads.
9. Add a culvert and complete dirt work to cross a small stream that poses hazards at the base of the hill.
10. Create safety signage pursuant to state law, and add additional signage honoring instrumental players in KSC's history.

Justification

While numerous cross country skiing, snow machining, dog sledding and ice skating opportunities exist on the southern Kenai Peninsula area, Ohlson Mountain is the only facility offering downhill skiing and snowboarding opportunities. The Alyeska Ski Resort in Girdwood is over 4 hours away by car, and Hilltop (Anchorage) and Alpenglow (Elemendorf) are further. The high costs of fuel, lift tickets and lodging can run over \$500 for a family of four. Accordingly, the KSC and the Ohlson Mountain ski and snowboard facility offer a unique winter recreational outlet for Homer-area youth unable to travel to Girdwood on a regular basis. The KSC's wonderful historic facility is in dire need of maintenance and improvement, if it is to survive. While many people have volunteered over the years to keep it safe and functional, it now needs a significant upgrade. If we can complete the projects described soon, families for many years to come can continue to enjoy healthy winter recreation in a magnificent setting.

Note: This request reflects cash costs. It is important to recognize ongoing in-kind support from volunteers donating time and effort to such activities as running the tow rope, lodge up-keep, fire wood replacement, snow removal, lift maintenance and meeting, fundraising and planning activities. Based on ten days of facility operation, with four adults working 8 hrs per day, at the federal volunteer rate of \$18/hr, KSC can demonstrate in-kind support of over \$5,760 per season. Additionally, pre-season preparation of the facility, post-season shut-down and regular meeting and planning activities contribute an additional 200 person hours, equaling approximately \$3,600 of in-kind support, for a total of \$9,360.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
2 CUPANIA CIRCLE
MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755-7406

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: MAR 23 1995

KACHEMAK SKI CLUB
P.O. BOX 3705
HOMER, AK 99603

Employer Identification Number:
92-0096139
Case Number:
955011069
Contact Person:
B. THORNTON
Contact Telephone Number:
(310) 316-9015
Internal Revenue Code
Section 501(c)(4)
Accounting Period Ending:
September 30
Form 990 Required:
yes
Addendum Applies:
no

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in the section indicated above.

Unless specifically excepted, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) for each employee to whom you pay \$100 or more during a calendar year. And, unless excepted, you are also liable for tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act for each employee to whom you pay \$50 or more during a calendar quarter if, during the current or preceding calendar year, you had one or more employees at any time in each of 20 calendar weeks or you paid wages of \$1,500 or more in any calendar quarter. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please address them to this office.

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$10 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$5,000 or 5 per-

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KACHEMAK SKI CLUB

cent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Donors may not deduct contributions to you because you are not an organization described in section 170(c) of the Code. Under section 6113, any fundraising solicitation you make must include an express statement (in a conspicuous and easily recognizable format) that contributions or gifts to you are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. This provision does not apply, however, if your annual gross receipts are normally \$100,000 or less, or if your solicitations are made to no more than ten persons during a calendar year. The law provides penalties for failure to comply with this requirement, unless failure is due to reasonable cause.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Richard R. Orosco
District Director

Kachemak Ski Club, Inc. Detail Report

9/30/2004 through 10/1/2005

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
Income/Expenses						
Income						
<u>Grants</u>						
1/18/2005	DEP	HEA		Grants		576.00
2/23/2005	DEP	Homer Foundation Grant	Gooseberry Foundation Grant	Grants		1,500.00
5/31/2005	DEP	Homer Youth Group		Grants		1,000.00
Total Grants						3,076.00
<u>Gross Sales</u>						
2/25/2005	DEP	Gate & Memberships		Gross Sales		630.00
3/14/2005	DEP	Gate & Memberships		Gross Sales		822.00
5/16/2005	DEP	Gate & Memberships		Gross Sales		287.00
Total Gross Sales						1,739.00
Total Income						4,815.00
Expenses						
<u>Insurance</u>						
1/10/2005	865	Acordia of Alaska, Inc		Insurance		-3,150.41
Total Insurance						-3,150.41
<u>L & P Fees</u>						
7/25/2005	873	State of Alaska	Corporation Fee/Biannual Report	L & P Fees		-15.00
Total L & P Fees						-15.00
<u>Telephone</u>						
2/15/2005	866	ACS	Ski Hot Line(2 mos.)	Telephone		-25.41
4/10/2005	869	ACS	Ski Hot Line	Telephone		-15.67
6/3/2005	871	ACS	Ski Hot Line(6 mos.)	Telephone		70.00
Total Telephone						111.08

Kachemak Ski Club, Inc. Detail Report

9/30/2004 through 10/1/2005

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
<u>Utilities:</u>						
<u>Box Rental</u>						
11/10/2004	863	Postmaster		Utilities:Box Rental		-100.00
Total Box Rental						-100.00
<u>Electric</u>						
2/28/2005	867	HEA		Utilities:Electric		-27.26
3/30/2005	868	HEA		Utilities:Electric		-24.48
5/12/2005	870	HEA		Utilities:Electric		-24.48
6/8/2005	872	HEA		Utilities:Electric		-24.48
7/30/2005	874	HEA	Final bill of season	Utilities:Electric		-36.01
Total Electric						-136.71
Total Utilities						-236.71
<u>Expenses - Other</u>						
1/10/2005	864	Void				0.00
Total Expenses - Other						0.00
Total Expenses						-3,513.20
Total Income/Expenses						1,301.80

Kachemak Ski Club Inc. Balance Sheet
As of 10/25/2005

Accounts	10/25/2005 Balance
Assets	
Cash and Bank Accounts Ski Club	11,334.12
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	11,334.12
Total Assets	11,334.12
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	0.00
Equity	11,334.12
Total Liabilities & Equity	11,334.12

Kachemak Ski Club Inc. Cash Flow Report

9/30/2004 through 10/1/2005

Category	9/30/2004- 10/1/2005
Inflows	
Grants	3,076.00
Gross Sales	1,739.00
Total Inflows	4,815.00
Outflows	
Insurance	3,150.41
L & P Fees	15.00
Telephone	111.08
Utilities:	
Box Rental	100.00
Electric	136.71
Total Utilities	236.71
Outflows - Other	0.00
Total Outflows	3,513.20
Overall Total	1,301.80

Homer First Rope Tow

1948 to 1955

Name of Ski Area:	First Rope Tow, Ski Club Rope Tow
Location:	Homer, on Ed Herndon's homestead, south side of Diamond Ridge
Type of Area:	Ski Hill
Dates of Operation:	1948 to 1955
Who Built It?:	Kachemak Ski Club
Base/Top/ Vertical Drop:	Base: ~950' / Top: ~1150' / Vert: ~200'
Lifts:	Rope tow, gas engine driven
Facilities:	Warming hut
Miscellaneous:	This rope tow was forced to be relocated in 1955, due to a minimal amount of snow and this south facing slope caused snow to melt too fast.
Sources of Information:	Robert H. Moss, a written summary of the Kachemak Ski Club (1948-1996); Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Steve McCutcheon collection

Homer Second Rope Tow

1955 to Early 1960's

Name of Ski Area:	2nd Rope Tow
Location:	Homer, 1 mile in from the fork on Ohlson Mountain Road, north side of the road, on the Browning Homestead.
Type of Area:	Ski Hill
Dates of Operation:	1955 to Early 1960's
Who Built It?:	Kachemak Ski Club
Base/Top/ Vertical Drop:	Base: ~1250' / Top: ~1450' / Vert: ~200'
Lifts:	Rope tow, gas engine driven
Facilities:	Warming hut
Miscellaneous:	You would drive out to the hill and park off the road at the top of this ski area. Having the tow engine next to the road offered convenience dealing with gas and batteries for the engine. You would then ski down the hill and get towed back up. The warmup hut from the first rope tow was pulled by tractor to this new site. Skiers eventually complained that the hill was too short, that it lacked the terrain to spread out the skiers. This rope tow was moved to the present Homer ski hill on leased Harbison & Strutz property towards Ohlson Mountain.
Sources of Information:	Robert H. Moss, a written summary of the Kachemak Ski Club (1948-1996), Dave Schroer

KACHEMAK SKI CLUB
1948 - 1996

THE KACHEMAK SKI CLUB WAS ORGANIZED IN 1948 WITH APPROXIMATELY 18 MEMBERS. THE FIRST ROPE TOW WAS OPERATED ON ED HERDON'S HOMESTEAD WHICH HAD A MODEST SOUTH SLOPE ON DIAMOND RIDGE ABOVE HOMER. THE GAS ENGINE DRIVEN TOW SUCCESSFULLY SERVED THE CLUB UNTIL THE WINTER OF 1955 WHEN A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF SNOW PLUS THE SOUTH SLOPE FORCED A RELOCATION. THIS TIME IT WAS MOVED TO A LOCATION THAT WAS A MILE IN FROM THE FORK ON THE OHLSON MOUNTAIN ROAD. THE SLOPE FACED NORTH WITH THE TOP NEXT TO THE ROAD. THE TOW ENGINE LOCATION NEXT TO

THE ROAD SIMPLIFIED THE HASSEL WITH GAS AND BATTERIES. THE SKI HUT WAS MOVED BY TRACTOR TO THE NEW LOCATION. HOWEVER, THE HILL PROVED TO BE TOO SHORT AND IT LACKED THE TERRANE NECESSARY FOR SPREADING OUT THE SKIERS.

IN DECEMBER OF 1958 THE KACHEMAK SKI CLUB WAS CERTIFIED AS A CORPORATION BY THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

SEVERAL YEARS LATER FOUND THE CLUB ONCE AGAIN PACKING UP AND. MOVING FURTHER TOWARD OHLSON MOUNTAIN. THIS TIME THE HILL SEEMED IDEAL WITH A NICELY VARIED NORTH SLOPE THAT COULD BE SERVED BY A 800 FOOT ROPE TOW. FRED HARBISON, A HOMESTEADER, GAVE PERMISSION TO USE HIS LAND WHICH COVERED THE TOP 2/3 OF THE HILL. A LEASE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH LOU AND JEAN STRUTZ FOR USE OF THE BOTTOM 1/3 PLUS ACCESS FROM THE ROAD. THIS PROVED TO BE A GOOD LOCATION AND CONTINUES TO BE OUR PRESENT SITE.

IN 19 THE GAS ENGINE WAS REPLACED WITH THE .PRESENT 440 VOLT ELECTRIC MOTOR. THE CLUB HAS A USED T BAR LIFT IN STORAGE WHICH WAS SURPLUSED OUT BY THE MILITARY BASE IN FAIRBANKS. THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR INSTALLATION.

THE ORIGINAL FOCUS OF THE CLUB WAS TOWARD CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. THIS HAS NOT CHANGED OVER THE PAST 5 DECADES. SKI CLASSES WERE HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THERE WERE RACE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES WITH TEAMS COMPETING THROUGH OUT THE STATE AS WELL AS HOSTING

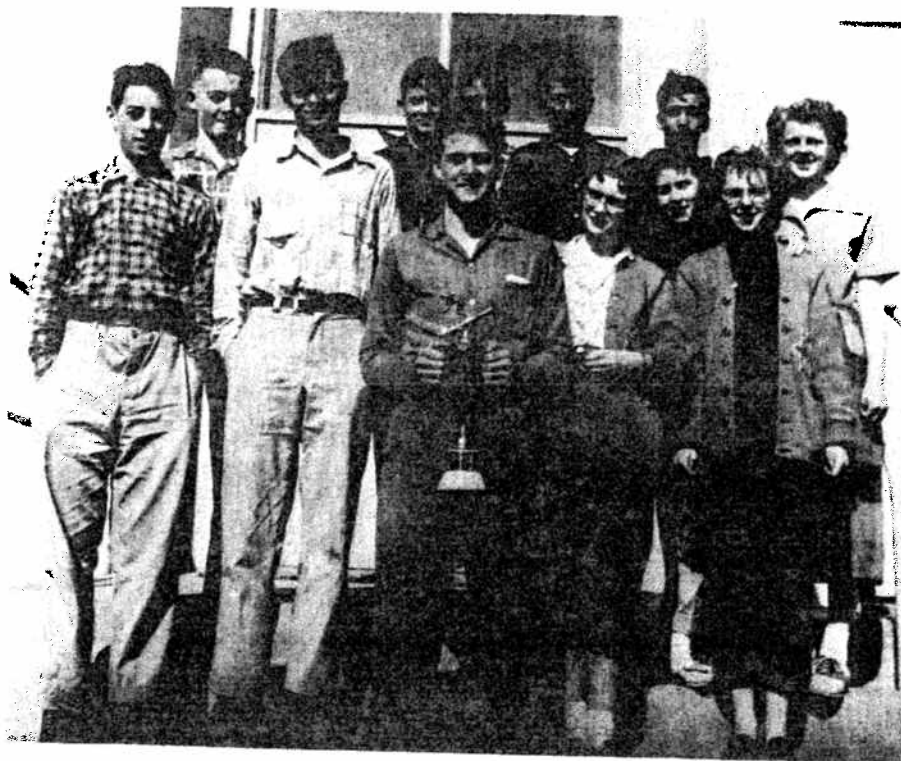
MEETS IN HOMER.

WITH THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN HOMER NOW DAYS, MANY OF THE CLUB'S EARLIER PROGRAMS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. IT HASN'T, HOWEVER, DIMINISHED THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ENJOY SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING ON THE KACHEMAK SKI CLUB FACILITIES.

By R.H. MOSS JULY 1996

Source: Alaska Lost Ski Area Project

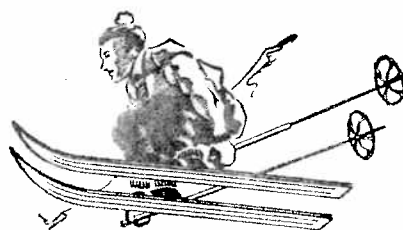
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Skiing became an integral part of the recreational setup with Friday afternoons during the season being devoted to the sport.

One of the biggest events of the school year is the Ski races. This season the high school team became the proud recipients of the three-year traveling trophy when Captain Elliott accepted it in behalf of the team for winning the races against the competing Ski Club team. Ski activities came to an end when a dinner-dance was given by the Ski Club to the winners.

An appreciable amount of time in instruction was given by Jake McLay to the high school students and by Louie Gjosund to the grade school students.



KACHEMAK JUNIOR SKI CLUB

BACK ROW: Wayne Davis, Woody McLay, Don Bellamy, Ralph Bishop, Lee Martin, John Beitman, David Buckley, Jackie Alexander
FRONT ROW: Val McLay, Paul Roach, David Christy



The Kachemak Junior Ski Club, consisting of the 7th and 8th Grades and High School, has been very active this year. The team placed high in the competition with Juneau and Anchorage.

The president of the Club, Woody McLay, who took most of the honors, placed first in most downhill and slalom races during the Fur Rendezvous and Mt. Alayeska events. He stacked up a total of five "1st" awards and one "3d" award. He was chosen to represent Alaska as a junior skier at Sun Valley, Idaho, in February, where he placed "6th" in the slalom and "24th" in the giant slalom.

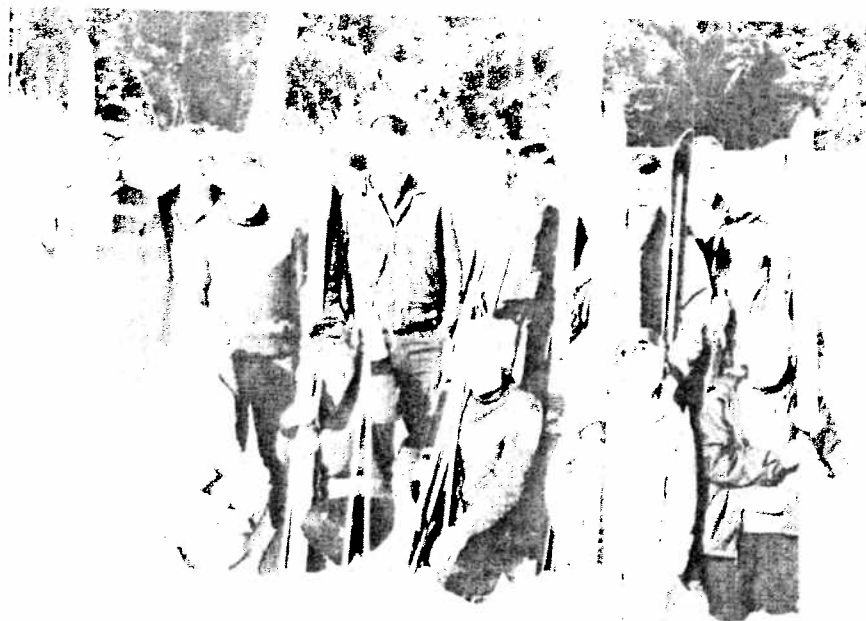
Glenn Carroll also did fine work in the cross-country races, placing "1st". David Christy, Bobby Moss, Don Bellamy, and Lee Martin have added to the honors.

Dave Christy is vice-president of the Club; Glenn Carroll is secretary, and Bobby Moss, treasurer. Mr. Vanderbrink Mr. McLay, Mr. Ross and Mr. Gjosund were the skiing instructors on Friday afternoons when the team practiced at the ski tow.

The time and patience of these instructors, the encouragement of Mr. Wiltrout, and the efforts and team spirit of each junior skier have combined to make the Kachemak Junior Ski Club a worth-while team.

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Ski Team



FRONT ROW: Jean Cole, Kathy Rearden, Johnnie Collie, Sally Flynn, Betty Gjosund
 BACK ROW: Lee Martin, Glenn Carroll, Woodie McLay, Don Bellamy, David Buckley, Dave Christy, Mr. Schroer, Val McLay

Track Team



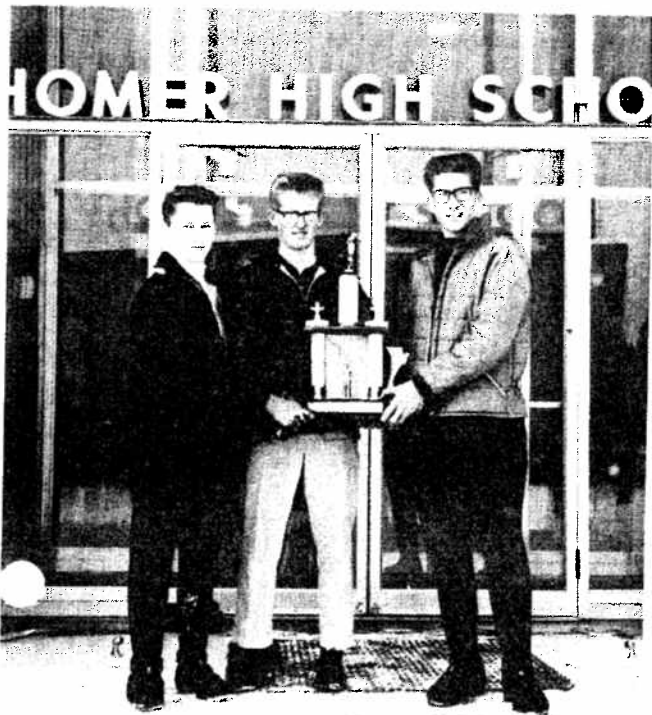
FRONT ROW: Paul Roach, Jackie Alexander, Lance Leffel, Carl Nelson
 MIDDLE ROW: Glenn Carroll, Lee Martin, Jerry Hedlund, Kurt Nelson
 BACK ROW: Ralph Bishop, Gary Sentman, Bill Bishop, Pete O'Donnell

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Ski Club



FRONT ROW: R. Hoedel, S. Hoedel
MIDDLE ROW: T. Dahlgren, N. Hoedel, M. Morawitz, T. Martin
BACK ROW: B. McLay, D. Nixon, B. Moss, B. Choquette, M. Morawitz, E. Dahlgren



A banner year was had by the High School Ski Team. For the second straight year, they won the state meet at Anchorage, defeating both East and West Anchorage teams and Juneau.

The team was also winner against East and West Anchorage in a triangular meet held in Homer. They wrapped up the season by placing first in the local Homer Alpine-Nordic team ski race.

Members of the state championship team were Val McLay, Glenn Carroll, Lee Martin, and Woodie McLay.

For the first time in Alaska, a separate girls' team competed. The high school team placed third in the state meet, and second in the Homer triangular. Comprising this team were Betty Gjosund, Johnnie Collie, and Kathy Rearden.



Standing
David Buckley
Val McLay
Mr. Schroer
Betty Gjosund
Kathy Rearden
Johnnie Collie
Glenn Carroll

Front
Lee Martin

1962

HOMER HIGH SCHOOL

Front Row

Johnnie Collie
Kathy Rearden
Sally Flynn
Betty Gjosund
Jean Cole

Back Row

Woodie McLay
Mr. Schroer
Val McLay
Ray Martin
Lee Martin
Glenn Carroll
David Buckley
Ernie Belnap



HIGH SCHOOL SKI CLUB

Homer skiers still managed a successful season in a year handicapped by a total lack of skiable snow in the local area.

The Boys' Team missed a chance to retain permanent possession of the All-Alaska State Trophy when we were unable to field a full team. Even so, individual skiers made top showings in races during the season.

The Homer girls showed their strength by placing a close second in the state meet held at Anchorage. Sally Flynn, Betty Gjosund, Johnnie Collie, and Kathy Rearden comprised the team.

Sally was honored by being chosen to represent Alaska in the Jr. Nationals held in Jackson, Wyoming. She made a fine showing in these races.

PEP CLUB



Ski Team



KNEELING, left to right: Ray Martin, Warren Huff, Bobbie Moss.
STANDING: Mr. Schroer, Drew Nixon, Bert McLay, Sally Calhoun,
Millie Morawitz, Shirley Paquette.

The boys' ski team the past season had three members returning from last year's team, which finished third in the state meet at Anchorage. They were Bob Moss, Bert McLay, and Warren Huff. With the addition of cross-country runners Ray Martin and Atz Kilcher and Freshman Drew Nixon, Homer was a definite contender for the All-Alaska Title. The team also competed in three other meets.

After an absence of a year, a girls' team is again being fielded. This team, composed entirely of Freshmen and Sophomores, was not only a threat for this year's title, but appears to be a threat for two more years to come.



FRONT ROW: Sally Calhoun, Millie Morawitz, Shirley Paquette, Jean Mead, Carolyn Jacobs, Nance Hoedel, Gayle Gregory. SECOND ROW: Drew Nixon, Warren Huff, Bobby Moss, Bert McLay, Atz Kilcher. THIRD ROW: Lynn Cason, Edward Rehder, Andy McMorrow, Tad Martin, Robby Hoedel, Steve Nixon, Mr. Schroer.

Ski Team

Homer High School fielded one of the strongest boys' ski teams in the state this year. In their first two meets, against top competition, the boys placed first both times. Skiing for the boys' team were Atz Kilcher, Larry Martin, Robby Hoedel, Drew Nixon, Bert McLay, Bobby Moss, and Warren Huff. Results of the two completed meets were as follows:

AMU Invitational		Homer Invitational	
1. Homer	191.1	1. Homer	284.2
2. East Anchorage	187.5	2. East Anchorage	281.6
3. West Anchorage	182.7	3. West Anchorage	276.8
4. U of A	171.2		
5. AMU	141.9		
6. Lathrop	86.4		

The girls' team suffered the loss of three of their ranks but still managed to field a strong team. Although not entering the AMU meet, Homer girls placed second behind East Anchorage in the Homer Meet. They also entered the All-Alaska High School Championships at Alyeska and another local meet. Girls comprising the team were Millie Morawitz, Sally Calhoun, Carolyn Jacobs, Jean Mead, Gayle Gregory, and Tania Uminski.

Top Alpine skiers Bobby Moss and Bert McLay were very much in for contention for berths on the Alaska Junior National Team. Both boys represented Alaska on last year's team which competed at Bend, Oregon.

Nordic skiers Atz Kilcher and Tad Martin also competed for places on the four-man cross-country team for competition at Winter Park, Colorado.



FRONT ROW: Bert McLay, Warren Huff, Robby Hoedel. BACK
ROW: Larry Martin, Bobby Moss, Atz Kilcher, Coach Schroer.
NOT SHOWN: Drew Nixon.

All-Alaska State Champs

Homer High School boys' ski team capped their ski season by taking the state meet in Anchorage. After being behind only slightly after the cross-country event, they went on to take both the Slalom and Giant Slalom events and win the over-all title.

This year's team is the product of many years' work and must be reckoned with again next year as only one member of the team will be lost through graduation.

The Homer girls' team also made a strong showing, finishing in second place.

Final boys' team standings were: Homer 287.9; East Anchorage 284.7; West Anchorage 260.4; and Juneau 240.3.



Nordic Team



Alpine Team

Skiing



Sally Barnett

Barnett on deck.



Bob Moss

Ready in the gate...

Ten second warning.



Bert McLay



Milli Morawitz

Go!

Alpine Ski Team



BACK ROW:

Bert McLay
Robbie Hoedel
Warren Huff
Bobby Moss
Coach Schroer

FRONT ROW:

Milli Morawitz
Sally Calhoun
Sally Barnett
Jean Mead

This year the Homer Ski Team had three of it's members selected to represent Alaska in the Jr. Nationals. Larry Martin, Bob Moss and Bert McLay received this honor on the basis of their consistent high performance in competitive skiing. The Jr. Nationals are ski races held annually to determine the high school ski champions of the United States. In this year's Jr. Nationals held at Stowe, Vermont, nearly six hundred skiers participated. It is a singular achievement for the Homer Ski Team to have placed three of its members on the Alaskan Jr. National Ski Team.



Larry Martin is a sophomore who has really brought fame to Homer High through his successes as a cross-country skier. This year was the second that Larry had the privilege of representing Alaska at the Jr. Nationals, and he made an outstanding showing by placing 2nd in the relay. Larry also placed first in the State Ski Meet and the Alaskan Divisional Championships, and was the undefeated champ of the 1966-1967 ski season.

Bert McLay is a graduating Senior who has spent the better part of his life on skis. He has competed at the Jr. Nationals twice as a member of the Alaskan Alpine Ski Team and has helped the Homer Ski Team considerably by his skiing skill in the slalom and downhill. Bert took honors at this years Jr. Nationals by placing 10th in the slalom.



Bob Moss is an outstanding skier who will leave quite a vacancy in the ski team when he graduates. Bob began competition skiing at an early age and has been a consistent winner from the first. In his two years at the Jr. Nationals, Bob has placed very well, and has earned high recommendations. He placed first in the slalom and giant slalom at the State Ski Meet.

Nordic Ski Team

FRONT ROW:
Milli Morawitz
Sally Calhoun
Gayle Gregory
Sally Barnett

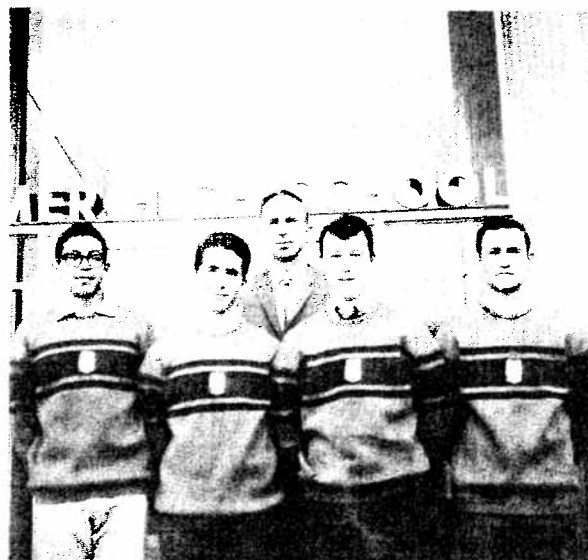


BACK ROW:
Lynn Cason
Robbie Hoedel
Larry Martin
Mr. Schroer

SKIING



GIRL'S TEAM, left to right: Sally Barnett, Sharon Cooper; Mr. Schroer, Coach; Linda Poindexter; Gayle Gregory.



BOY'S TEAM, left to right: Lynn Cason; Larry Martin; Mr. Schroer, Coach; Drew Nixon; Robby Hoedel.



The boy's team, composed of Robby Hoedel, Drew Nixon, and Lynn Cason, placed first in the State meet in Alaska, and were also chosen to be part of the nine-man team representing Alaska in the Junior Nationals.

At the Junior National races held in Montana, Larry Martin placed first, ahead of all other U.S. racers. Drew Nixon and Robby Hoedel had excellent positions of 18th and 19th respectively, out of 78 racers.